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SUBJECT: GATT ARTICLE XXIV:6 - CITRUS

PASS STR FOR AMBASSADORS EBERLE AND MALMBREN

ALL PASS AGRICULTURE

REF: (A) ROME 4914; (B) STATE 71460

1. ECMIN PASSED TEXT PROPOSED AMBASSADORIAL STATEMENT (REF A) TO DIRECTOR GENERAL DICHIO EVENING APRIL 9 AND INFORMED HIM OF WASHINGTON APPROVAL. DICHIO'S INITIAL REACTION WAS FAVORABLE BUT HEDGED.

2. DICHIO COMMENTED THAT IT WILL BE UP TO MINISTER AGRICULTURE AND PRIME MINISTER TO DECIDE ON POLITICAL VALUE OF THE STATEMENT, WHICH IS NECESSARILY IMPRECISE AND GENERAL. NEVERTHELESS, THE APPROVAL OF THE USG COULD NOT BE OTHER THAN OF VALUE. DRAFT STATEMENT WOULD BE SEEN AS A BASIS, PERHAPS SUBJECT TO REVISION

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AT HIGHER LEVEL. MOREOVER, PRIME MINISTER WILL NOT WANT TO GET OUT

AHEAD OF OTHER EC MEMBERS (WHICH WE INTERPRET TO MEAN THAT IF BECAUSE OF OTHER OBSTACLES THERE IS NO 24:6 PACKAGE, DICHIO WOULD NOT WANT THE GOI TO OFFER IMPROVEMENT ON CITRUS). HE MENTIONED THAT HE UNDERSTANDS THAT THE FRENCH ARE STILL RESERVING.

3. AT CONCLUSION BRIEF CONVERSATION, DI CHIO SAID HE WOULD SHOW DRAFT TO HIS MINISTER (WHO HAD LEFT MINISTRY) IN MORNING AND ASCERTAIN IF HE CONCURRED WITH DICHIO'S VIEW THAT THE DRAFT IS SUFFICIENT. IF SO, RECOMMENDATION WILL GO RAPIDLY TO PRIME MINISTER FOR DECISION, PERHAPS IN TIME TO BE COMMUNICATED TO AMBASSADOR AT PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED LUNCHEON APRIL 10. VOLPE

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